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PRESIDENT: Nobody is going to tell me to tell anybody to shut up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just want to read the last paragraph of a letter from the Attorney General. "The language of LB 574 is quite broad and could conceivably prohibit any of the conduct or activities mentioned above. It should be pointed out, however, that the hypotheticals above discussed are vague in general and assume certain facts which may or may not be in existence. The discussion of these hypotheticals was merely intended to demonstrate the breadth of this particular piece of legislation. It was not intended to be an all-inclusive or exclusive summary of the conduct prohibited under this bill".

If Senator DeCamp, now, still wants to withdraw his motion I don't have any objection.

PRESIDENT: There is no further objection? The unanimous consent is granted then.

CLERK: I have another motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Senator Stoney moves to bracket LB 574 until February 9th.

PRESIDENT: February 9th. Do you wish to be heard on this motion, or just.... Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. My only intent in offering this bill was to eliminate an activity which I felt was cruel and inhumane to animals, that's the only attempt that I made. I made no other attempts to deceive anyone. Senator Chambers amended the bill to include other animals. I think the question is whether or not you believe that activities that involve humans enforcing animals to fight one another is honorable or dishonorable. It's that simple.

Now if Senator DeCamp is being totally candid in his remarks and if there are amendments that can be adopted to make this bill more palatable, I'll be happy to do so. I assure you my intent is not to bother the ranchers, the farmers, the people that would train these animals. Mine only is to protect these animals. That is my reason, purely and simply.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President, members of the body. I object to holding the bill. I think we've heard enough debate on this. A holding act is just a futile act as far as I'm concerned. I think we should proceed and let the bill fall or pass, either one, it's immaterial to me.

PRESIDENT: Now let's.... We could spend all day on arguing whether to bracket or not when you're going to vote. It's a matter of up or down. Chair recognizes Senator George.